

**ART WORK SUB-COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Hill at 8:30 a.m. Noting that a quorum was not present the committee members elected to enter into discussion regarding the Art Work Sub Committee. The following members were present: Tina Hill, Chairman; and Sue Draffkorn. Pete Merkel, Randy Donley, Virginia Peschke and Sandra Salgado were absent. Also in attendance: Sue Stelford, Art Curator; Nancy Fike, McHenry County Historical Museum; Cort Carlson, McHenry County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Don Shellhouse, University of Illinois Extension Service; and Arland Bird, a member of the Historical Museum in charge of various quilting programs.

Tina Hill, Chairman
Randy Donley Sue Draffkorn
Pete Merkel Virginia Peschke
Sandra Salgado

MINUTES

Noting no quorum, Chairman Hill noted that the minutes from the February meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next committee meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

Art for the Government Center – continued discussion: Committee members were joined by Nancy Fike from the McHenry County Historical Museum, Cort Carlson, McHenry County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Don Shellhouse, University of Illinois Extension Service and Arland Bird, Historical Museum Quilt Project coordinator, to propose a Barn Quilt project for McHenry County. Ms. Fike provided committee members with information regarding various Barn Quilt projects throughout various Counties within the United States. A “Barn Quilt” is a large quilt painted and placed on the barns. This would be the first Barn Quilt project within the State of Illinois. This would be a great project to promote tourism as well as agritourism within the County. Mr. Carlson noted that the Convention and Visitors bureau may be able to help with a “touring” brochure for the County. Mr. Shellhouse noted that the barns in McHenry County as well as across the country are disappearing. He noted that the Extension Service is involved with the 4H program in the County and part of the program is in the quilting program and the auctioning of the quilts brings in the most money at their auction. Ms. Fike informed committee members that she checked with the Planning & Development Department on the requirements for a sign permit for the barns and she was informed that a permit would not be required for the placement of “art” on a person’s barn. Ms. Fike noted she would like the support of this committee to get this project off the ground. It was stated that it may be possible to obtain various grants to get this project going in the county. Committee members noted this is an exciting opportunity needs county involvement. Ms. Stelford stated this is a perfect project for the assistant art curator to work spearhead. It was noted she could contact the tourism council, the Barn Association and other groups who may be interested in this project. It was stated that this could be posted on the Art Web Page as well. Committee members noted the need for the McHenry County Artwork Sub Committee to have the right of refusal of any of the suggested barn quilts. Chairman Hill noted that she would speak to Administration about approval for this project. Committee members thanked Ms. Fike, Cort Carlson, Ms. Bird and Mr. Shellhouse for attending today’s meeting.

Ms. Stelford presented committee members with copies of news articles promoting art in the County. She questioned committee members on how to leverage additional funding in order to have the Artwork Sub Committee continue into the future. Committee members noted the need to justify the need to the County Board in order to get any additional funding. It was suggested that a power point presentation be provided at a County Board meeting promoting art. Mr. Cort Carlson noted that he can help to promote the projects going on in the county by promoting “arts” in the County. Ms. Stelford questioned where the committee would like to go from here. Do we just place art on the walls or do we try to expand into a McHenry County Arts Council? It was noted that the County is the nucleus to start this process and may work if we could get other cities, municipalities and art groups involved. It was noted that if we could get some municipality involvement, their public works departments may be able to help with the placement of the barn quilts. It was also suggested that discussion begin with the Northwest Area Arts Council about the possibility of joining the groups to form a McHenry County Arts Council.

Ms. Stelford presented to committee members pictures of the mural that is being completed for the Sub-Committee. Ms. Stelford noted this mural will be 24’ long and upon completion will be mounted in the Government Center.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, the discussion was closed at 9:39 a.m.

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Approved: 5/4/07